

**PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD
BOSTON CARETAKER GROUP**

BOSTON, MASS. 02129

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From: Director, Boston Caretaker Group
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09B9)
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

Subj: Final Command History of the Boston Naval Shipyard (OPNAV Report 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAV NOTE 09B33/4169 of 10 June 1974
(b) OPNAVINST 5750.12B, OP-09B, Ser 245P09B9 of 20 May 1971

Encl: (1) Command History of the Boston Naval Shipyard - Chronological List of Events, 1 January 1974 - 1 July 1974

1. The Boston Naval Shipyard was disestablished on 1 July 1974 by reference (a).
2. Enclosure (1), forwarded in accordance with reference (b), is the final command history for the Boston Naval Shipyard and covers the period 1 January 1974 through 1 July 1974, the date of disestablishment.

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BOSTON NAVAL SHIPYARD

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF EVENTS
1 JANUARY 1974 - 1 JULY 1974

JANUARY

1/1/74 Civilian on board count - 1808.

1/4/74 Shipyard Communications Center disestablished. Narrative and data communications guard shifted to Coast Guard and DCASR Boston Communications Center respectively.

1/17/74 Divers recompression chamber authorized for transfer to the Emergency Ship Salvage Material (ESSM) Pool, Cheatham Annex Supply Center.

1/31/74 Chief Petty Officers' Mess (OPEN) closed its doors.

1/74 John F. Langan, Chief Planner of the Planning Department, a 54 year employee of the Boston Naval Shipyard, was granted the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the highest honor which the Secretary of the Navy may confer upon a civilian employee of the Department of the Navy.

1/74 Piers 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 and Dry Dock 5 secured and all utilities shut off to them.

FEBRUARY

Civilian on board count as of end of February - 1581.

2/74 New woodworking facility in Building 24 opened to house equipment, lumber, and men involved in the repair and upkeep of the USS CONSTITUTION.

2/7/74 Administrative Assistant (Code 402), Public Works Department disestablished. Personnel and functions transferred to the Engineering and Maintenance Control Division (Code 420).

2/28/74 Shipyard Branch of the National Shawmut Bank closed its doors for good.

MARCH

Civilian on board count end of March - 1542.

- 3/1/74 Last edition of Boston Naval Shipyard NEWS (newspaper) published. Copy of this edition attached as Attachment 1.
- 3/22/74 Philadelphia Naval Shipyard assigned responsibility for storage and maintenance of the chain dies and carpenter stopper dies and fixtures, which will be loaned to commercial sources for manufacture of chain and carpenter stoppers. Disposal of obsolete dies was authorized.
- 3/29/74 Navy tug services terminated.

APRIL

Civilian on board count end of April - 1323.

- 4/26/74 CONSTITUTION came out of Dry Dock #1, one year and ten days after she entered the dry dock to replace her exterior planking below her waterline and the copper sheeting which protects it.

MAY

Civilian on aboard count end of May - 1193.

- 5/1/74 Marine Barracks ceased all support type activities. Marine gate entries relieved by the civilian security police.
- 5/1/74 Residual stores accounting and outfitting allotment accounting for Boston Naval Shipyard (UIC 00111) transferred to Naval Supply Center, Norfolk.
- 5/1/74 Portsmouth Naval Shipyard assumed disbursing function for Boston Naval Shipyard.
- 5/1/74 Portsmouth Naval Shipyard assumed responsibility for Phase II of the USS CONSTITUTION overhaul. Worksite remained in Boston even though workers employed by Portsmouth.
- 5/1/74 Boston Caretaker Group established as a department of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard with its director reporting to the Shipyard Commander. CAPT W. J. Norris, Shipyard Production Officer, appointed as director.

5/1/74 Constitution Overhaul Division, Code 905, established under supervision of Code 900.

5/15/74 Ship Movements Division (Code 812) disestablished.

JUNE

Civilian on board count end of June - 419.

6/10/74 OPNAV NOTICE 5450, Ser 09B33/4169 approved disestablishment of Boston Naval Shipyard effective 1 July 1974. Copy of this document attached as Attachment 2.

6/30/74 Marine Detachment left Shipyard.

JULY

7/1/74 Planning Department disestablished as part of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and established as the Boston Planning Group under command of Commander, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. CAPT E. deR. Barondes, the Planning Officer, appointed as director.

7/1/74 Boston Naval Shipyard firefighting forces disestablished. Shipyard became totally dependent on City of Boston for fire protection.

7/1/74 Orders were issued for three military personnel (officers) already stationed at the Shipyard to report by letter to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for duty with the Boston Caretaker Group at the former Boston Naval Shipyard.

There were six corpsmen on duty at the Shipyard on 30 June 1974 - the day the Shipyard was disestablished.

7/1/74 A disestablishment ceremony for Boston Naval Shipyard was conducted at the bandstand in the Shipyard on Monday, 1 July 1974 at 0945. Principal speakers were RADM R. W. Burk, Deputy Commander, Industrial and Facilities Management Directorate, Washington, D. C., and CAPT R. L. Arthur, Commander, Boston Naval Shipyard. RADM R. E. Rumble, USN, Commandant, First Naval District, was also present. Copies of disestablishment ceremony and invitation to event are attached as Attachments 3 and 4.

Following the ceremony, CAPT R. E. Arthur retired from the Navy.

Shipyard became the Boston Caretaker Group, a department of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

7/1/74

Director, Code 900, assumed responsibility as the senior on-site official for the Boston Caretaker Group organization.



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OPNAVNOTE 5450
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10 JUN 1974

OPNAV NOTICE 5450

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Disestablishment of the Boston Naval Shipyard, Boston,
Massachusetts

1. Authority. The Secretary of the Navy, effective 1 July 1974, has approved the disestablishment of the following shore activity, assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations for command and support:

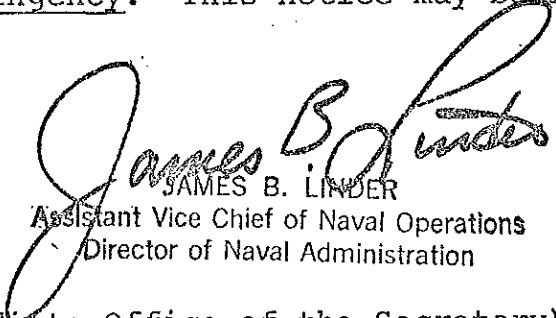
Title of Official in Command and Mail Address

Commander
Boston Naval Shipyard
Boston, MA 02129

(SNDL: FKL1) (Short Title: NAVSHIPYD BSN) (Activity Code: 5867-125) (UIC #: 00111)

2. Implementation. Commands, bureaus and offices concerned are requested to take necessary action.

3. Cancellation Contingency. This notice may be retained for reference purposes.


JAMES B. LINDER
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Director of Naval Administration

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*The Commander, Boston Naval Shipyard
requests the pleasure of your company
at ceremonies incident to the disestablishment
of the Boston Naval Shipyard
at the*

*Flagpole, Boston Naval Shipyard, Charlestown, Massachusetts
on Monday, the first of July
at ten o'clock*

*RSVP
242-4400, Ext. 102 or 103*

*Uniform
Participants — Full Dress White
Guests — Service Dress White*